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## Dutch Remembrance Day is observed in Aruba



Governor Refunjol and Adjutant salute the dead

On Wednesday, May 4th, the official Dutch holiday of remembrance for the lives lost during World War II was observed with a ceremony held at the War Memorial located on Adrian Lacle Boulevard at L.G. Smith Boulevard.

Holland has its own days for commemorating the end of WW II and celebrating the country's liberation from five years of occupation. On May 4th and 5th, the entire nation unites to observe a day of solemn remembrance followed by a day of celebration, and in Aruba an Honor Guard of the Royal Dutch Marines and a number of Dutch residents



Aruban schutterij from WWII



Royal Dutch Marine Honor Guard

joined Aruban dignitaries for the occasion.

Since the end of the Second World War, the Dutch have observed May 4th as a day of reflection, to honor the victims of war. At eight o'clock in the evening, the country unites in commemorating the civilians and members of the armed forces who lost their lives in that great conflagration. People gather at war memorials across Holland in their own communities and at the stroke of eight, the entire country observes a two-minute silence.

On Wednesday at sunset, a benediction from the pastor of the marine camp in Savaneta opened the ceremonies where Prime Minister Mike Eman gave a brief address titled "66 Flowers for 66 Years of Re-

membrance."

Governor Fredis Rufenjol began the ritual of placing memorial wreaths before the plaque listing the names of Aruban dead. Representing the families of Arubans that served and died in Europe during WW II were members of the Schutterij, Joe Fingal, Vi Rafaela and Eni Angela, who served as volunteer militia on Aruba during the war years along with family members of Aruba's most notable war hero, Boy Ecury.

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## Labor laws completely revamped by 90%



ORANJESTAD -- Minister of Labor, Otmar Oduber announced this week that after almost 6 months of tripartite deliberations concerning the various change proposals by the government in our labor laws that they have successfully concluded their negotiations.

Various departments participated in the process offering their input and advice, such as the Department of Economic Affairs, the Chamber of Commerce and the Central Bank.

According to Oduber, the meetings were very open and productive and frequently it was common to see one party convincing an other party so as to achieve a consensus of 90% of the proposed changes or new laws to be enacted.

One of the changes in the labor laws is the "Landsverordening Bestuurlijkehandhaving Arbeidswetgeving," which is a new law to regulate how inspection is to be carried out at the work place and what should be sanctions. Another change is with respect to minimum wages. The change here has to do with the interpretation of this law, so as to avoid that the matter of "tips" cannot be deducted from or confused with the minimum wage which is due an employee. Several changes were made in the "Burgelijkwetboek"

(citizens' code of law) and in the "Arbeidsverordening" (labor law). Another new law regarding employment agencies was introduced; the "Landsverordening Uitzendwezen" (law of employment agencies).

There were 6 other laws that were not treated in the plenary session because these were handled on a governmental level and are regarding employee/employer schisms which would normally be handled by a mediator or through the use of other instruments in the event of a schism between employer and employee.

There were, reportedly, about 200 changes or adaptations to the different laws. These were fundamental changes with respect to the manner in which we would like to see the relationship between employer and employees here in Aruba, according to Oduber.

Many of the changes, reported Oduber, are very profound. For example, in the event a company files for bankruptcy of changes ownership, that company must assume full responsibility for all the employees for one full year if they are unable to find new employment. Another change is the amount of working hours.

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The move comes as more than 1,000 refugees arrived in the eastern rebel bastion of Benghazi after fleeing the besieged city of Misrata under fire.

Strongman Kadhafi's forces have tightened the noose on Misrata, killing at least five people on Wednesday, in a more than two-month nationwide revolt that the International Criminal Court said has cost "thousands" of lives.

Leaders of the rebellion against Kadhafi said the pledges, made at a meeting in Rome of the International Contact Group and to come mainly from Kuwait and Qatar, were "a good start."

They also outlined plans for a new constitution and elections within eight months if Kadhafi quits.

The fund will initially receive international donations, while blocked assets -- estimated to be worth \$60 billion (40 billion euros) in Europe and the United States -- will be used to finance it at a later date.

France and Italy said they would alternate managing the fund. French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said the new body could be up and running "within weeks," but that the unblocking of assets "poses legal problems".

Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini, host of the Rome meeting, said Italy and France had urged the European Union "to seek a solution", adding: "That money belongs to the Libyan people."

Frattini said \$250 million was already available in immediate humanitarian aid -- far less than the figure of up to \$3 billion dollars in desperately needed credit wanted by the rebels.

"It's a good start," Mahmud Jibril, leader of the opposition Transitional National Council (NTC), said after the talks. Jibril said the three-billion figure was in fact "a six-month budget."

## Obama on 9/11 trip: We will never forget

NEW YORK (AFP) – US President Barack Obama paid solemn tribute at the site of the downed Twin Towers here Thursday, days after 9/11 architect Osama bin Laden was shot dead by American commandos in a Pakistani lair.

The fallout from Monday's pre-dawn raid on the Al-Qaeda leader's compound in Abbottabad intensified with Pakistan's military demanding that the United States cut its troop presence in the country to a "minimum."

In a moment of high symbolism in New York, Obama laid a wreath at Ground Zero

before hugging relatives of those killed when Al-Qaeda extremists, presumed to be acting on bin Laden's orders, plowed their hijacked planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Despite the momentous nature of bin Laden's death, almost a decade after his attacks drove a wedge between the West and the Muslim world, the ceremony was low-key and somber: a remembrance of those fallen rather than a victory celebration.

Obama, making his first visit to Ground Zero as president, did not make a speech,

but solemnly bowed his head and observed a moment of silence after laying the wreath along with city officials and the police and fire chiefs.

He did speak briefly earlier at a firehouse that lost 15 men battling the infernos on 9/11, issuing a stark message to America's enemies around the world. "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say," he said.

Pakistan, meanwhile, fought hard to allay suspicions that bin Laden might have had some kind of support from its military intelligence services.

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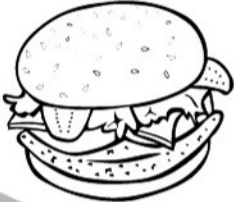

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## Aruba complies with yet another International Treaty



ORANJESTAD -- This week during a meeting of the Council of Ministers, the Navigation Protection Committee (Scheepvaartbeveiligingscommissie) was officially instituted. In 2004, on the basis of an international treaty, Aruba introduced a law for the protection of ships and airplanes. That law implied that there would be a number of commissions, one of which had to be for navigation. Said committee was never instituted. However, as a result of the efforts and hard work of Minister Oduber, that committee has been finally realized.

The navigation committee consists of the following instances: Chief of Police (or a deputy), Director of the de-

partment in charge of immigration (or a deputy), Director of excise and import duty (or a deputy), the Commandant of the Fire Brigade, the Harbor Master, a representative of the management of each operator of a facility on the wharf or of an Aruban ship consortium, and the security official of each facility on the wharf.

The law requires that a president for this commission be appointed, and Minister Oduber gave this responsibility to the Police Force. This could either be the Chief of Police or someone appointed by the Chief of Police.

According to Oduber, during the past 14 months, the Department of Navigation has been implementing nu-

merous changes and adaptations to the law, as well as the implementation of a series of laws which in the past were congruent with international treatise. One such law is the one currently being introduced. This is a law which was introduced and accepted way back in 2004, but which was never applied until now.

The execution of our navigation laws is very important, according to Oduber, not only in compliance with the international treaty to which we as a country and as Dutch Kingdom have affiliation, but in order to ensure the correct application of these laws.

Moreover, the government is currently in the process of optimizing their relationship with the US Coast Guard who handles the process of inspection on our wharf. This is very important for Aruba, according to Oduber, in view of the great number of ships and our dependence on cruise ships. In the event one of our ports, either one which falls under the jurisdiction of APA or of Valero, fails to comply with whatever is stipulated by the US Coast Guard, this could cause the USA to place Aruba on their black list.

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## Little support for Dutch prisoners abroad

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- Diplomatic assistance to Dutch citizens in foreign prisons leaves much to be desired, it was reported.

Embassies are seen as not doing enough and diplomats are reportedly reluctant to address abuse. It is not clear whether prisoners receive regular visits from embassy staff. Financial support for the about 2,500 prisoners is said to be allocated arbitrarily.

The report is based on research by the Development Cooperation and Policy Evaluation Inspectorate, an inde-



pendent organisation, which critically monitors the Foreign Ministry.

Most Dutch citizens in foreign jails were convicted of drug related offences. Foreign Minister Uri Rosenthal recently said during a debate in parliament that all prisoners are entitled to assistance.

## Labor laws revamped...

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It is the intention of the government to gradually reduce the 48 hours to 40 hours per week. The first step in this direction has already been taken by reducing the work hours to 45, obviously while maintaining the accrued salary of the employee.

With respect to job security, which was an important matter in their discussions, they included a particular clause covering the phenomenon of the "on call" obligation by some companies. The

new laws also allow employees to decide for union representation and to insist on better working conditions.

Oduber concluded his remarks by saying that, "...I believe that the steps taken are in an effort to safeguard the rights of the employee and on the other hand the changes in the labor laws are in the benefit of the employer who will be in a better position to offer his employees the best in his job."

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Something of that sort would be devastating to our island. This would mean that the moment a ship arrives at one of our ports, that ship would be denied entrance into the US thereafter.

Currently meetings are being held to ensure that Aruba comply with all measures imposed with respect to world security. Oduber is convinced that this was the best moment to institute this navigation security commission.

This commission will be charged with advising and

alerting the three ministers responsible, namely, the Prime Minister, Minister of Justice and the Minister of Transport.

Oduber was pleased to reiterate that the government has succeeded in complying with yet another important international treaty. He urged everyone to lend their support and cooperation for the immense responsibility of this commission in the interest of the security of our wharfs, the welfare of our economy, our tourism and of our refinery.

## CDM Administrators and Assistants enjoy an elegant evening thanks to Clarque and Carambola!



Clarque Martina, GM Aisa van der Biesen in blue, and executive staff

Wednesday, April 27 was Administrative Professionals Day (updated to be more politically correct than what was formally known as Secretaries Day,) which is observed each year on the Wednesday of the last full week of April.

Clarque Martina, Accounting Administrator at Casa Del Mar, was eager to share the occasion with his fellow CDM administrative executives as this year, it is also his birthday, and he could think of no better way to do so than a special evening at the restaurant of his dear friend, Martin Hasselhof.

Martin opened Carambola in the Paradise Beach Villas a few months ago to rave reviews; Clarque and CDM General Manager Aisa v/d Biesen agreed it would be an ideal double celebration for the administrative staff.

The mezzanine of Carambola is perfect for private parties, and Martin collaborated with Chef Harold to present the group with a unique treat. Rather than choosing from all the tempting dishes on the Carambola menu, it was arranged for the party to receive a constant stream of samples from the restaurant's diverse selection; this way they



could truly appreciate Harold's culinary expertise.

Clarque also found a lovely surprise awaiting him, a birthday bottle of wine from Martin and the Carambola staff. All agreed; it could not have been a better way to mark the double celebration with close-knit colleagues.

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## Sci-Tech

### Are tablets replacing PCs, other gadgets?

Not surprisingly, consumers who are snapping up tablets are focusing more attention on their shiny new gadget than the desktops, laptops, e-readers, and gaming consoles they already have at home.

About 77 percent of tablet owners surveyed by Nielsen said they now use the device on tasks for which they previously used their laptop or desktop computer. Why? The majority, or 31 percent, said tablets were easier to carry, while 21 percent noted the tablet's easy-to-use interface. Another 15 percent liked the fast startup for a tablet.

When asked about specific gadgets that might be gathering dust now that a tablet is in the mix, about 35 percent said they use their desktop less in favor of the tablet; 32 percent said they use their laptop less. About 27 percent have put aside their e-readers and 20 percent are not using their gaming console as

much, Nielsen found.

It's not entirely downhill for non-tablet devices; about 9 percent of desktop users and 13 percent of laptop users said they've used those devices more since buying a tablet. About 25 percent of Internet-connected TV owners and 21 percent of smartphone owners also said the same.

About half of tablets owners are the only ones who use their tablets in the household, while 43 percent share their device. About 8 percent have a tablet in the home but don't use it.

Nielsen didn't break out which particular tablet its respondents were using, except to say that "with new entrants like the Samsung Galaxy and the Motorola Xoom, the market for tablet computers is heating up in the United States, even though iPad continues to dominate the conversation—and market."

## Facebook sued for children 'liking' products

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — A father is suing Facebook for not getting permission from parents or guardians before letting members of the online social network know when children "Like" brands.

"We believe this suit is completely without merit and we will fight it vigorously," Facebook said in an email response to an AFP inquiry.

Lawyers representing Scott Nastro and his son in a US district court in New York want the case to include all Facebook members in the state younger than 18 years old whose names or likenesses have been used in



"Social Ads."

The civil suit filed on Tuesday accused California-based Facebook of misappropriating names or likenesses of Nastro's child and other minors to promote products or services as well as to expand its ranks of members.

"Facebook Inc. appears to be continually seeking new ways to use the names and likenesses of its members, including children, for its own marketing purposes," attorney Lee Squitieri said in court documents.

In late 2007, Facebook launched Social Ads that pair related online advertising

with members' actions such as writing reviews for restaurants or indicating that they "Like" a brand.

The lawsuit argued that such links involving underage Facebook members constitute unauthorized endorsements.

The suit also took issue with Facebook for including minors in its "Friend Finder" service that recommends who members might want to connect with in the online community of more than 500 million people.

Squitieri called on the judge to ban Facebook from involving underage members with Social Ads or Friend Finder and was seeking damages as well as any money generated from ads involving minors at the social network.

The federal suit mirrors one filed in California state court last year accusing Facebook of wrongly using children's names or likenesses by sharing their "likes" at the social network with selected friends.



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## Beaver dam partly contains Canada oil spill



kilometers (4.3 miles) from the village, said Alberta Environment. In the end, it spilled 28,000 barrels.

The oil almost sullied a river but was contained by some small bodies of standing water and a beaver dam, officials said.

MONTREAL (AFP) — An oil spill near the native village of Little Buffalo in Canada's Alberta province was partly contained by a beaver dam, a provincial environment official said Wednesday.

Oil began leaking April 29 from a pipeline belonging to Plains Midstream Canada in northern Alberta about seven

"It's true that there is a beaver dam in the area and that it initially contained the spill," provincial Environment chief Rob Renner told reporters by phone.

"The break point of the pipeline has been isolated and there is no further flow of crude oil," he noted.

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**Some monkeys born with gene that protects against AIDS**



**Rhesus monkeys relax in a zoo**

WASHINGTON (AFP) – A certain gene in some monkeys can help boost vaccine protection against simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV), a trait that could help researchers develop better AIDS vaccines for humans, suggested a study out Wednesday.

Researchers vaccinated a large group of rhesus monkeys and then exposed them to SIV repeatedly over the course of two weeks. Half became infected, but the other half did not. Those who resisted infection were more likely to express a certain gene, identified as TRIM5.

The findings could help researchers in the elusive search

to develop a vaccine against human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, said lead author Norman Letvin.

"It tells us -- probably much to our surprise -- that there will likely be in humans certain genes expressed by some people but not in others that may well be contributing to protection," said Letvin, a Harvard Medical School professor.

"So that we not only have to look at vaccine-induced antibody responses but we also have to look at the genetic makeup of the individuals who are being vaccinated because these data in monkeys suggest that both of these can be con-

tributing."

A 2009 AIDS vaccine trial on humans in Thailand showed a partial shield against HIV -- 31.2-percent reduction in the risk -- but effectiveness dropped after three years, Letvin said.

"We have demonstrated in the Thai vaccine trial that with existing technologies we see modest protection against HIV infections," he said.

"If we couple that optimistic data in humans with the kind of data we generated in this study with monkeys, as well as other studies in monkeys, it suggests that if we can induce an even better antibody response through vaccination.

"Maybe with our next generation vaccine we can get that up to 50 percent or 60 percent or even higher levels of protection, and that protection can be even more durable," he said.

The quest continues for a vaccine against AIDS, which has claimed more than 25 million lives since 1981 and infected some 33 million people worldwide.

**Asthma pill works as well as inhalers: study**



WASHINGTON (AFP) – Pills to treat asthma are less often prescribed than inhalers, but a British study published in the United States Wednesday suggests they work just as well and are easier for patients to manage.

Researchers at Britain's University of East Anglia (UEA) followed 650 chronic asthma patients for two years, and found that drugs called leukotriene receptor antagonists (LTRAs) "managed the disease equally successfully."

The drugs are commonly marketed under the brand names Singulair and Accolate.

The research is published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

"We hope these findings


will increase the options for healthcare professionals when prescribing for this common but disruptive disease," said lead author David Price of the University of Aberdeen and UEA.

"We found that adherence to treatment was vastly improved -- by as much as 60 percent -- when patients were given the once-a-day LTRA tablets and patients did not have to worry about using appropriate inhaler technique."

In Britain, the pills are typically recommended as a third or fourth step in asthma management, and are "far less frequently prescribed than inhalers," the study noted.

Asthma is a chronic breathing disease that affects 300 million people worldwide. There is no cure, but it can be often managed with medication.

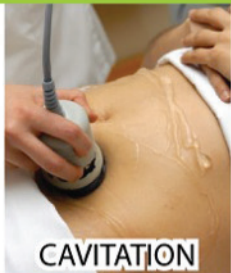
The government-sponsored randomized controlled trial, known as ELEVATE, gathered data from unpaid volunteer patients in 53 doctors offices across Britain.



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## Special Athletes get a helping hand from Total Cleaning



Total Care Foundation president Judeaska Nicolas presents a check

The Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece, are less than two months away and Aruba's Special Olympics Committee is busy raising funds to send a delegation they know will be winners to the upcoming event. 8,000 athletes from 190 nations are expected to participate; despite being one of the smallest entries, Aruba's delegation always comes home with a substantial number of gold, silver and bronze medals.

Special athletes and Committee Chairman Arturo Werleman with Head of Volunteers Netty Williams received substantial support from Total Cleaning Managing Directors Wilfred Ras and Ronald van Trigt, who joined their Total Care Foundation President, Judeaska Nicolas, in handing over a check for 3,000 Aruban florins to help send the athletes on their way.

The donation was accompanied by an informal party for several of the athletes and the Special Olympics Committee Aruba with members of the board of the Total Care Foundation on Wednesday afternoon, May 4 at Total Cleaning



Netty Williams accepts thermal lunch bags

Headquarters in Balashi.

"We are very proud of our special athletes, who we know will make all Arubans proud while representing their homeland in Greece," stated Wilfred Ras. Judeaska and fellow foundation members also distributed logo lunch coolers to the team, which was very impressed by the drinking cups that change color when filled with either hot or cold beverages.

Fundraising efforts continue with the sale of raffle tickets to win a weekend in Bonaire for 2, including a stay

at the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort and airfare donated by Tiara Air. Prizes also include a weekend stay donated by Westin Resort Aruba, an All-Access Pass to the upcoming Aruba International Film Festival as well as tickets for 2 to the main Red Carpet event with entry to the fabulous after party with a top film celebrity, and much, much more! Raffle tickets can be purchased for 5 Aruban florins by calling Arturo Werleman at 730-0414 or Netty Williams at 742-3306.

by Rosalie Klein

## Dutch Remembrance Day is observed

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Renzo de Bono recites an original poem



School children place a flower on behalf of youth

Other wreaths were placed on behalf of the Parliament by President Paul Croes and Secretary Jacqueline Bastiaan. Genvieve Leeuw and Menno Bart represented the Dutch government and Lieutenant Colonel Edwin Hofma, commandant of the Savaneta Camp, placed a wreath on behalf of the Royal Dutch Marines.

Renzo de Bono, representing the island's youth, recited an original poem he wrote for the occasion, then joined other schoolchildren from Maria School, Colegio San Jose, Cacaique Macuarima and Colegia

Laura Wernet in placing the 66 flowers before the memorial.

In Holland, the close of the Remembrance Day ceremony signals the start of Liberation Day festivities commemorating Germany's capitulation on May 5, 1945. War veterans gather in Wageningen, where the historic documents were signed, and parade through the city in celebration of the anniversary of liberty regained. This marks the anniversary of Holland's liberation by Canada, but since Aruba was never physically occupied, it is not observed on Aruba.

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## Martijn Trading makes Administrative Professionals Day marvelous at Zissles



Managing Director Hank Hammerstein and staff



## June 2 through Sunday, June 5. Registration is still open This year's charity of the Annual Polesitting Championships at Café The Plaza is Aruba's Food Bank (Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad)



The long weekend surrounding Ascension Day is around the corner. The four days of fun of the annual Polesitting Championships. Seven polesitters will try and sit on their

perches for hours and days on end in an effort to break the incredible record of 87 hours and 15 minutes.

The championships have a yearly changing charity, to

which part of the money that is generated by the polesitters goes. Café the Plaza also donates a good amount to this good cause.

The 2011 charity of choice is Aruba's Food Bank (Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad). The volunteers of the charity in question are always super busy, organizing fundraising games and raffles for their cause. Anybody who wants to join as a volunteer at this great event is very much welcome to help out. There is always a lot of atmosphere and ambiance during day and night, till early morning. Four days of fun and extremes for the participants.

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All over Aruba, and the world, those hardworking ladies who grease the wheels of industry were feted by their bosses for Administrative Professionals Day 2011, on Wednesday, April 27.

Henk Hammerstein of Martijn Trading chose a unique and memorable way for his employees to feel special, treating them to the dinner show at Zissles.

"We didn't want to discriminate among all our female employees who do such a great job, day in-day out, so all the women in our company have

been invited to enjoy this terrific dinner show combination." Explained Henk as to why Martijn required two tables to accommodate 28 employees who took over the dinner/show club in Paseo Herencia that night.

The party lasted well into the evening as Dueling Pianists Cliff Holcomb and Kimberly Krohn took over after the D'Licious crew completed their review, for a great show of appreciation for all the Martijn Trading staff from their appreciative boss.

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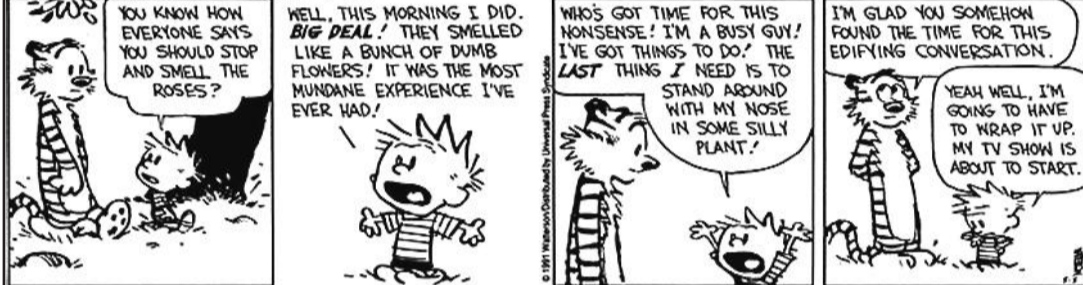
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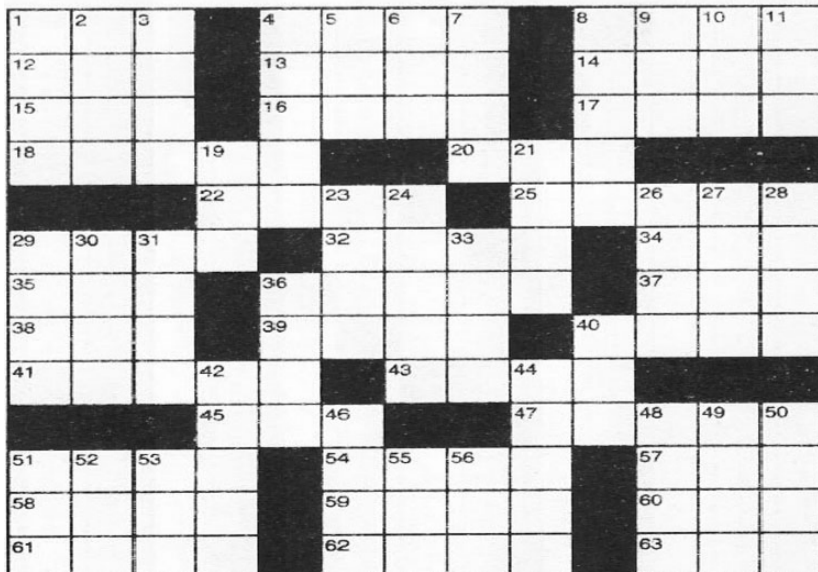
ACROSS

1. Movie-at-home format (abbr.)
4. Guns the motor
8. Crooked
12. Above, in poems
13. Call for calamine
14. "Nix!"
15. Early brand of car
16. Folk learning
17. Emeralds, e.g.
18. \_\_\_ pandowdy
20. Bando or Maglie

22. Potato peepers
25. Smells terrible
29. Univ. club
32. Small wedge
34. British break
35. Reaction to an IM joke
36. Marks
37. Foul caller
38. Foster
39. Proofreader's concern, for short
40. Prefix for phone
41. Public square
43. Uppity person
45. Robin's-\_\_\_ blue
47. Mailman, at times
51. Burn partially
54. "Chantilly \_\_\_"
57. "Are you a

- man \_\_\_ mouse?" (2 wds.)
  58. Taboo (hyph.)
  59. Tennis's Lendl
  60. They made merry musicals in the '30s
  61. Actor Beatty et al.
  62. Sea bottoms
  63. "Be-\_\_\_-A-Lula"
- DOWN
1. "David Copperfield" character
  2. Mondale, once
  3. Allow to fall
  4. "The Life of \_\_\_"
  5. DDE's military

- arena
6. It hooks up to the TV
7. "\_\_\_ Come Undone"
8. Sharp corner
9. Sorrow
10. LP abbr.
11. "You betcha!"
19. "\_\_\_ It Be" (Beatles song)
21. Tentacles
23. Catch sight of
24. Stores
26. To be (Fr.)
27. \_\_\_ over (faint)
28. Vault
29. Wing movement
30. Annoy
31. "M\*A\*S\*H" star
33. "Blame \_\_\_ the Bossa Nova" (2 wds.)
36. Male deer
40. Vague schedule info (abbr.)
42. 1,000 has three of these
44. Warning signs
46. Fluent
48. Grooming item
49. Therefore
50. Highway entrance
51. Cable news source (abbr.)
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## Finance

### Oil prices extend slump, Brent drops under \$120

LONDON, England (AFP) – Oil prices fell further on Thursday amid evidence of weak energy demand in the United States, analysts said.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in June slumped \$1.77 to \$119.42 per barrel in London trade.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for June, shed \$1.69 to \$107.55 a barrel.

"Crude oil prices extended losses following renewed concerns about oil demand," said Myrto Sokou, an analyst at Sudden brokers in London.

Oil prices had already dived on Wednesday after a stronger-than-expected increase in US petroleum stockpiles sparked worries about

demand in the United States, the world's biggest oil-consuming nation.

The US Department of Energy (DoE) said on Wednesday that stockpiles jumped 3.4 million barrels in the week ending April 29, beating analyst predictions for a gain of 3.2 million barrels.

A rise is seen as an indication of softer energy demand in the world's biggest economy.

Crude futures have slumped since the start of the week as traders fret about slower growth in big oil importers and mull the impact of the death of Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden on global political risk in the market.

### Nuclear leak forces Russian icebreaker back to port



MOSCOW, (AFP) - Russia launched an urgent rescue mission on Thursday after one of its atomic-powered icebreakers developed a nuclear leak in the frozen seas of the Arctic and was forced to abandon its mission.

The Rosatomflot nuclear fleet said in a statement that an "insignificant increase in activity" had been detected on board its 21,000-tonne Taimyr icebreaker.

But the incident was serious enough to force the vessel to abandon its mission and begin a five-day journey back to its home port in the north-western city of Murmansk.

The agency also announced plans to shut down the reactor before the ship enters into port -- a reversal of an initial statement saying that decision would only be reached if the situation got out of hand.

### ING net profit rises, aims to repay state aid in 1 year



2009 photo of the main office of ING Bank in Amsterdam

THE HAGUE, The Netherland (AFP) – Dutch bank ING on Thursday said net profit rose 12.3 percent in the first quarter and that it aims to pay within a year bailout money it owes the government from the 2008 financial meltdown.

Net profit rose to 1.38 billion euros (\$2.0 billion dollars) in the first quarter of fiscal 2011, from 1.23 billion euros a year ago.

It beat expectations of analysts cited by Dow Jones Newswires of around 1.32 billion euros.

ING accepted a 10-billion-euro cash injection from the Dutch government in October

2008 at the height of the global economic crisis.

"We still have to pay back about five billion euros and that's without the repayment premiums," ING spokeswoman Caroline van der Giessen told AFP, saying two billion euros would have been paid back by May 13 this year.

ING is raising funds for repayment including by selling its subsidiaries online bank ING Direct USA and Dutch bank WestlandUtrecht.

"We continue to explore strategic options for our Latin American insurance business and we are taking steps to meet the other restructuring de-

mands... including the divestment of ING Direct USA and the carve-out of WestlandUtrecht Bank from our Dutch retail banking business," said the company's top executive.

The Dutch group said it was laying the groundwork for two initial public offerings (IPOs) of its insurance business -- one in the United States, and another based in Europe and Asia.

An IPO is when the owner of assets offers part or all of them for sale for the first time as independently quoted shares on a stock exchange.

IPOs are closely watched as an indicator of market sentiment and as potential investment opportunities.

ING said despite far-reaching restructuring the company showed solid commercial growth across its franchises.

ING's banking activities accounted for 1.15 billion euros of the first quarter profit while the insurance business accounted for 234 million euros.

The bank's turnover in the first quarter came in at 14.4 billion euros compared to 14.05 billion a year ago

### British bank Lloyds tumbles back into red

LONDON, England (AFP) - State-rescued Lloyds bank plunged into losses in the first quarter, after setting aside £3.2 billion (\$5.3 billion, 3.6 billion euros) to compensate customers who were mis-sold insurance, it said.

The grim news, which was worse than market expectations, sent Lloyds shares diving by as much as ten percent, and sparked fresh concern about the banking sector's exposure to more bumper mis-selling payouts.

"Lloyds shocked investors by setting aside £3.2 billion to cover compensation claims for mis-selling its debt repayment insurance policies," said City Index analyst Joshua Raymond in response.

LBG, which is 41-percent owned by the taxpayer after an enormous bailout at the

height of the global financial crisis, also admitted that it made a net loss of £2.4 billion in the three months to the end of March.

That compared with a slender net profit of £169 million in the first quarter of 2010.

British banks last month


lost a High Court appeal against tighter regulation of payment protection insurance (PPI), which gives insurance for consumers if they fail to meet repayments on credit products such as personal loans, mortgages or credit cards.



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# BACK THEN



Kwihi tree

Aruba has few natural resources, except for our magnificent beaches, because of the vagaries of wind, weather and our location, that the kwihi tree which grows here is a source of pride.

From the ancient tree comes the wood that is used to produce the world famous kwihi tables. The first table, built for the original Aruba Caribbean Hotel in 1958 (now the Radisson) measured 8 feet in circumference. (One wants to ask, where is it now?)

According to the artisan who built it in Savaneta, there are more than 3,000 of his tables in the United States alone; (this was written in 1991) most belonging to former employees of the Lago (Esso) Refinery who often had as many as 3 or 4 in their homes here.

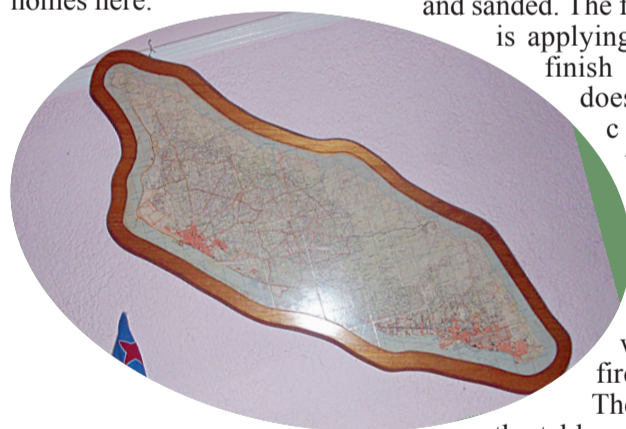


Kwihi souvenir, courtesy of Mi Kadushi Souvenir Shop

into tables. After being cut by machine, formerly with a 2-man saw that took 3 days, the wood is planed, then cleaned and sanded. The final step is applying a clear finish which does not change the rich, deep color but makes the wood fireproof. The legs of the tables are made

from iguana wood, so named because iguanas like to eat the leaves and fruit of that particular tree. The smaller branches of the kwihi are used for trophy bases, award plaques, as backing for the antique map of Aruba, for clock backing and for backing of special event photography.

The 3-dolphin sign for Buccaneer Restaurant was designed and carved from kwihi wood by owner-chef Josef Munzenhofer who is also well-known for his ice sculptures.



Aruba wall-map on a kwihi board

The tree grows primarily in the areas of Noord, Dakota and Oranjestad, although very few trees are left. Too many have been thoughtlessly cleared for development without the realization of their eventual extinction.

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Buccaneer Restaurant sign

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## This year's charity of the Annual Polesitting Championships . . .

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Café the Plaza hopes that another great bunch of fun-loving, hardy polesitters will be registering for the event, which is held from June 2 (starts at 7 a.m.) through Sunday, June 5 (ends at 10.30 p.m. – if record will be broken). Surprisingly is the fact that so far only women signed up for this challenge. But the men are lucky because the registration is still open! So if you know you can do this and you want to support a charity and earn some extra money in the same time, do sign up for this competition.

The polesitters get five minutes per hour 'off': this means that they can walk around, stretch, run or get a massage during that time. They do need to be back on



their poles on the dot, however, otherwise they will be disqualified. The sitters may save up their five-minute breaks and get a quarter of an hour off after three hours of sitting. Volunteers will be monitoring, assisting and making all kinds of efforts to keep everyone awake and happy.

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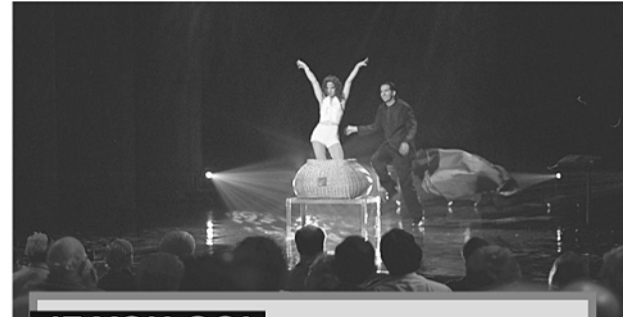
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## Australian charged over Justin Bieber egg throwing



Canadian pop sensation Justin Bieber

SYDNEY, Australia (AFP) – An Australian teenager was charged with breaking into the roof of a concert arena so he could throw eggs at Canadian pop sensation Justin Bieber.

The 17-year-old heart-throb, touring Australia, has been mobbed by screaming girls at sold-out shows, but had eggs thrown at him when performing his first single "One Time" at a concert in Sydney on week-end.

None hit him and he finished singing the song before taking a break so the stage could be cleaned up.

Australian Associated Press said a 17-year-old Sydney resident was arrested at his home early yesterday and charged with break and enter, trespass and malicious damage following complaints from Acer Arena.

He was bailed to appear at a children's court on June 2.

## On the grapevine: British royals to make wine



Britain's Prince William applauds after his then fiancée Kate Middleton poured champagne over a lifeboat at the RNLI Lifeboat Station in Anglesey.

LONDON, England (AFP) – After serving English wine at the wedding of Prince William and Catherine, the royal family has now set its sights on producing bubbly.

More than 16,000 vines will be planted next week in Windsor Great Park, the former hunting park of Queen Elizabeth II's favourite residence Windsor Castle, in Berkshire, southeast England.

Laithwaites Wine, tenant

farmers on the royal estates, said they were "extremely proud" to be invited by the royal family to work on the project, but admitted it was only at the "seedling stage".

The vineyard will be planted with the champagne grape varieties of chardonnay, pinot meunier and pinot noir, according to a report in the Daily Telegraph.

Although not a traditional producer, wine from England

is on the up, with figures released this week showing a record four million bottles were produced last year.

The royal family have long championed English wine and sparkling wine from Britain's biggest producer, Chapel Down, was served at the royal wedding last week.

Prince Philip, the queen's 90-year-old husband, is said to be closely involved in the vine-planting project.

Simon McMurtrie, the chief executive of the Direct Wines mail order wineseller which owns Laithwaites, said: "Laithwaites Wine is extremely proud to be invited by The Royal Farms to plant vines at Windsor Great Park.

"As champions of English wine we are delighted to do what we can to help boost its production and popularity in this country at this time.

"This exciting project is just at the seedling stage for now. We will announce more detail as it grows."

Vineyards generally take three years to yield a crop of grapes that can be made into wine.

# S. Korea trump India in field hockey

IPOH, Malaysia (AFP) – South Korea beat fellow defending champions India 3-2 in a stunning comeback from two goals down in one of the opening matches of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup on Thursday.

Both teams are defending the title after being declared joint champions when heavy rain caused play to be abandoned last year, and they showed their mettle in an exhilarating match of two very different halves.

India had the upper hand in the first half with early goals coming from Diwakar Ram and Danish Mujtaba. Ram struck from a penalty corner in the 20th minute while Majtaba scored with a reverse hit seven minutes later.

The Koreans, ranked sixth in the world, did not give up and pulled one back in the 31st minute through Cho Suk-Hoon from their third penalty corner.

In the second half, they were the dominant team and had the Indians in sixes and sevens as they attacked the faltering Indian defence with relative ease.

Yoon Sung-Hoon put them level in the 41st minute and Jang Jung-Hyun grabbed the winner with a penalty stroke conversion in the 56th.

Indian coach Harinder Singh said his team lost the plot in the second half after two of their players, Mahdik Dhananjay and Shivendra Singh, were injured.

"The Koreans are always fast with their game and in the second half applied a lot of pressure on us. The players failed to stay focused and we paid the price by letting them get the goals," he said. India will play Great Britain on Friday.

Meanwhile, Asian Games champions Pakistan got off to

a winning start when they beat New Zealand 4-2, breaking a run of five defeats at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup since 2008.

The Pakistanis dominated the first half with two goals, the first coming in the third minute through Muhammad Rizwan Snr while Syed Kashif Shah added the second in the 24th from a penalty corner rebound.

In the 51st minute, Abdul Haseem Khan added the third goal from a field attempt after being put through by Shakeel Abbasi.

But New Zealand fought back and from their third penalty corner Andrew Hayward scored their first goal in the 59th minute. But the Kiwis allowed Pakistan to hit back two minutes later through Mohammad Umar Bhuta.

By then, the game was effectively over but New Zealand managed to get another goal in the 63rd minute off a field attempt by Hugo Inglis.

Pakistan team manager K.M. Junaid said it was an important victory as opening matches were usually tougher.

"I thank the Almighty for the win as it is a good start for us. We have several young players and they came away good as this is their first time playing in such humid conditions," he said.

Pakistan play the Koreans on Friday while the Kiwis have two rest days before their match with South Korea on Sunday.

In the last game of the day, Great Britain got off to a winning start when they defeated hosts Malaysia 3-1. The British will meet India today while hosts Malaysia have a date with world number one Australia.


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## Real ask UEFA to re-examine Barca 'play-acting'

NYON, Switzerland (AFP) – Real Madrid on Thursday asked UEFA to reconsider their decision not to investigate the behaviour of Barcelona's players during the first leg of their Champions League semi-final.

UEFA's disciplinary panel on Monday rejected Real's claim that Barcelona's players were guilty of provocation during their 2-0 win at Real's Santiago Bernabeu on April 27, in which the hosts' midfielder Pepe was sent off.

Real also appealed against Pepe's dismissal, for a foul on Dani Alves, but UEFA upheld the referee's decision to show him a straight red card.

The second leg on Tuesday ended in a 1-1 draw at Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium, allowing the Catalan side to advance to a meeting with Manchester United in the final in London on May 28.

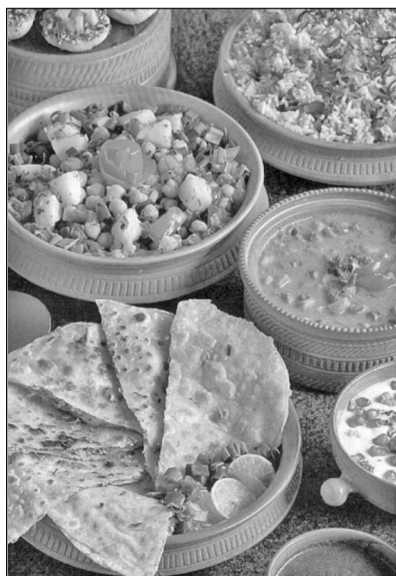
European football's governing body will on Friday announce whether or not Real coach Jose Mourinho will be punished for his "inappropriate remarks" after the first leg.

In his post-game press conference, Mourinho was deeply critical of the officiating in the game and even appeared to suggest that Barcelona benefited from favourable refereeing decisions.

"Why does the same thing

happen in every (Champions League) semi-final?" asked Mourinho, who saw midfielder Thiago Motta sent off when his Inter Milan side beat Barcelona in last season's semi-finals.

"We're talking about a fantastic team (Barcelona). I don't know if it's because of Unicef (Barcelona's shirt sponsor), I don't know if it's because of (Spanish football federation president) Mr Villar at UEFA.



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## Aruba's First Freestyle MX show at Joe Laveist Ballpark this weekend

Prize winning celebrity Freestyle MX performers Matt Buyten and Kenny Bell have been "scoping out" Aruba for the past week, a prelude to performing with two other world-renowned stuntmen, Jimmy Fitzpatrick and Canadian Julian D'usseau, at the Joe Laveist Ballpark in San Nicolas beginning tonight. They will be repeating their thrilling performances on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

The stadium has been completely refitted with a special quad-racer track, as well as equipment brought from the U.S. by the local producers so audiences can enjoy the amazing acrobatics performed 40 feet in the air



by the headliners. Kenny Bell and Jimmy Fitzpatrick are veterans of the famous Nuclear Cowboyz,

Metal Mulisha and Hevy Hitters. Matthew Buyten has been described as "the most exciting thing to happen to FMX since it first became popular," and Julian, who now resides in Southern California is known for "destroying any ramp or dirt surface that stands in front of him." The breathtaking performances of the daring and fearless bikers can be clearly seen from all seats on 3 giant LED screens erected around the stadium, which will provide "slo-mo" replays.

Kenny and Matt report they are "absolutely psyched" to be performing on Aruba for the first time and think promoter Cedric Latham has spared no expense in providing top flight equipment to guarantee a memorable display of daring. On Wednesday afternoon, Jonathan Arends and Cerillio

Quandus, local quad racers who competed and won a place in the show, were testing out some of the course and showing off their technique.

Additional bleachers have been installed at Joe Laveist Ballpark and organizer report the VIP section is nearly sold out. There will be several stands selling snacks and refreshments from major sponsor, Balashi Beer and Tropical Bottling of Aruba. George's Cycles, distributors of Yamaha on Aruba, is also a principal sponsor.

Tickets went on sale on April 1 and are available at all Valero Stations, Welcome Snack, House of Cakes and X-Cycles in Savaneta and X-Cycles. Pre-sale price is 35 Arubian florins (\$20 U.S.) or 45 Arubian florins at the door. There will be variations in the show each night; Friday and Saturday, show starts at 8:00 PM and on Sunday, 7:00 PM. Remaining VIP tickets can be purchased by calling 594-6906 and children under 12 accompanied by an adult are half price.

## Rose leads way as Bulls rebound with win



CHICAGO (AFP) - Derrick Rose lived up to his new Most Valuable Player status, scoring 25 points to help Chicago bounce back with an 86-73 victory over Atlanta in game two of their NBA Eastern

Conference playoff series. Joakim Noah on Wednesday added 19 points and 14 rebounds for the Bulls, who were shocked in game one on their home floor but looked more like the team that led the league with 62 regular-season victories.

The best-of-seven second-round series is now tied 1-1 as it shifts to Atlanta for games three and four tonight and Sunday.

Rose's night began with NBA commissioner David Stern presenting him with the MVP trophy.

The 22-year-old point guard, who became the youngest player to win the coveted award, promptly scored 16 points in the first half.

MLB Standings				
American League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB
NY YANKEES	17	11	.607	--
TAMPA	16	14	.533	2.0
BALTIMORE	14	15	.483	3.5
TORONTO	14	16	.467	4.0
BOSTON	14	16	.467	4.0
Central				
CLEVELAND	20	9	.690	--
KANSAS CITY	16	14	.533	4.5
DETROIT	14	17	.452	7.0
MINNESOTA	11	18	.379	9.0
CHICAGO	11	21	.344	10.5
West				
LA ANGELES	17	14	.548	--
TEXAS	17	14	.548	--
OAKLAND	16	14	.516	1.0
SEATTLE	14	17	.452	3.0
National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB
PHILADELPHIA	20	9	.690	--
FLORIDA	19	10	.655	1.0
ATLANTA	17	15	.531	4.5
WASHINGTON	14	16	.467	6.5
NY METS	12	18	.400	8.5
Central				
ST. LOUIS	17	14	.548	--
CINCINNATI	15	15	.500	1.5
PITTSBURG	15	16	.484	2.0
CHICAGO	14	16	.467	2.5
MILWAUKEE	13	17	.433	3.5
HOUSTON	12	18	.400	4.5
West				
COLORADO	18	10	.643	--
SAN FRANCISCO	15	15	.500	4.0
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**Lakers 2-0 down**

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points to lead Dallas to a 93-81 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers, handing the Mavericks a 2-0 lead over the NBA champions in their Western Conference second-round series.

Shawn Marion on Wednesday added 14 points and Jason Kidd scored 10 for the Mavericks, who delivered a solid defensive performance and got another strong shooting night from Nowitzki.

"We came to compete, and we came to make something happen here," Marion said. "We made our presence

felt on both ends of the floor tonight. We did a good job of handling their pressure and just going out there and doing what we've been doing all postseason, just playing good defense and just playing our style of play."

The victory puts the Mavericks in the driving seat against the two-time defending champions Lakers.

Only three NBA teams have come back to win a best-of-seven series after dropping the first two games at home, and the Lakers will have their work cut out when the Mavericks host game three today and game four on Sunday.

**Lightning sweep top-seeded Caps out of playoffs**

TAMPA, Florida (AFP) – Sean Bergenheim scored two goals and goalie Dwayne Roloson stopped 33 shots as Tampa Bay swept top-seeded Washington out of the NHL Eastern Conference playoffs.

The Lightning's 5-3 victory on Wednesday completed a four-game sweep of

the best-of-seven series and saw Tampa Bay reach the conference finals for the first time since 2004, when they won the Stanley Cup.

For the Capitals and their star Alex Ovechkin it was another playoff disappointment. Rookie Michal Neuvirth stopped 32 shots for Wash-

ington, but Bergenheim scored twice in eight minutes during the second period as the Lightning took a 3-1 lead.

The Lightning won the first two games of the series in Washington, and put themselves on the brink of the next round with their game-three victory at home on Tuesday.

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